

DWS Proposal for Downtown Shelter Purchase

The State Homeless Coordinating Committee (SHCC) has approved the Department of Workforce Services to utilize up to \$4 Million in funds from the Homeless to Housing Account (HHA) to offer to purchase the downtown shelter from Shelter the Homeless (STH) located at approximately 210 S. Rio Grande St., Salt Lake City, UT.

The SHCC and DWS believe this purchase will help accomplish four objectives:

1. DWS will take a lead role in ensuring the issues raised in the recent legislative audit get implemented and that a transition to the new resource center model can occur seamlessly.
2. Allows STH to focus on the development of the new resource centers, selection of operators and the implementation of Coordinated Entry.
3. Provides needed capital to STH for the further construction and development of the resource centers. Selling the downtown shelter has always been a part of the contemplated capital stack.
4. The State Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA) has a potential future use of the site as it is adjacent to existing property.

DWS will utilize Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) to acquire and manage the site.

Anticipated Timelines

October 2018 – Close on Sale

October 2018 – New Lease with The Road Home executed

July 2019 – Demolition of downtown shelter and site remediation